

TOWN BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
January 11, 2007 - 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Reagon at 7:00 p.m.

Salute to the Flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits were pointed out by the Supervisor.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Perotti	Present
Councilman Euvrard	Present
Councilwoman Doyle	Present
Councilman Russell	Present
Supervisor Reagon	Present

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Pat Nelligan questioned the change of the traditional "workshop" meeting to a "business" meeting where decisions could be made. He also questioned how a public hearing can be held on the expansion of the water district before well 4A has been approved.

HUDSONIA PRESENTATION

A presentation was made of the Amenia Habitat Mapping Project done by Hudsonia of Red Hook. The presentation was entitled Ecologically Significant Habitats in the Town of Amenia and was presented by Kristen Bell.

WATER DISTRICT EXPANSION AND NEW WATER TOWER

Supervisor Reagon read the Order about the water district expansion and the new water tower. She then moved that a public hearing date be set in February. After some discussion, it was decided to postpone setting the public hearing until the water committee had a chance to meet and discuss the Order.

ADOPT AN ORDER TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WATER DISTRICT EXPANSION AND NEW WATER TOWER.

MOTION: S/Reagon
SECOND: C/Doyle
MOTION TABLED.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Reagon read the Notice of Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Update. The proposed plan will be available at Town Hall Town Clerks Office, Amenia Library and on the Town's website.

AUTHORIZE CPIC TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE ON FEBRUARY 3 AT 9 A.M. AT AMENIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MOTION: S/Reagon
SECOND: C/Russell
ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE
C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE
S/Reagon - AYE
MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

After the public hearing in February, the Comprehensive Plan will be turned over to the Town Board who will declare themselves 'lead agency' and proceed with the SEQRA process. Two more public hearings will be held in March, one on a Saturday and one in the evening to allow maximum public input.

APPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

Supervisor Reagon announced that interviews had been held for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. She moved to appoint Nina Peek to the Planning Board. Councilman Euvrard expressed his displeasure with not re-appointing the Planning Board member whose term had just expired (Eliot Soroka). Supervisor Reagon gave a brief review of Nina Peek's qualifications as a planner working for a reputable firm; a person who is very familiar with the complex processes involved with zoning and planning.

APPOINT NINA PEEK TO PLANNING BOARD FOR A 7-YEAR TERM

MOTION: S/Reagon

SECOND: C/Doyle

ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE
 C/Euvrard - abstain C/Russell - AYE
 S/Reagon - AYE

MOTION CARRIED 4 to 0 with 1 abstention.

APPOINT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) MEMBER

Supervisor Reagon moved to appoint Leo Blackman, a Wassaic architect, to the ZBA. Councilman Euvrard reiterated his view that you cannot beat experience in making these appointments. Katie Loughlin has served on the ZBA since 1995. Supervisor Reagon replied that Leo Blackman is very qualified and that he had voluntarily submitted a proposed plan for the Wassaic Park redesign.

APPOINT LEO BLACKMAN TO ZBA FOR A 5-YEAR TERM

MOTION: S/Reagon

SECOND: C/Russell

ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - NO C/Doyle - AYE
 C/Euvrard - NO C/Russell - AYE
 S/Reagon - AYE

MOTION CARRIED 3 TO 2.

APPOINT RUDY ESCHBACH ZBA CHAIRMAN

Supervisor Reagon moved to appoint Rudy Eschbach as ZBA chair.

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MOTION: S/Reagon

SECOND: C/Euvrard

ROLL CALL: C/Perotti - AYE C/Doyle - AYE
 C/Euvrard - AYE C/Russell - AYE
 S/Reagon - AYE

MOTION CARRIED 5 TO 0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The following items were discussed as shown on the agenda under "Discussion Items":

Mechanic Street sidewalk project

Grants update

Old Amenia landfill Project Manager Update

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Michael Segelken reported.

OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACES

Roger Russell reported.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Councilman Euvrard and Supervisor Reagon had remarks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hermosilla,
Amenia Town Clerk

Approved by Town Board: 2-15-07
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